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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Stinson, J.	Examiner:	Sweet, Thomas
Application No.:	10/721,702	Group Art Unit:	3738
Confirmation No:	6272	Docket:	792-64 DIV II
Filed:	November 25, 2003	Dated:	April 20, 2007

For: BIOABSORBABLE ENDOPROSTHESIS  
HAVING ELONGATE AXIAL RESERVOIR  
FOR BY-PRODUCT COLLECTION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2007, and marked final, a  
reply to which is due May 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this submission.

This response is being filed under the Two-Month Rule, i.e., prior on April 20, 2007.